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1. EMBASSY WILL DELIVERY BLACK'S MESSAGE TO MOHAMMED SHAHEEN
AND WILL INQUIRE ABOUT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER SHAHEEN
THINKS BEST FOR CONTACTING HIM.

2. RE PARA 5 REF A, WE ARE NOT CLEAR WHAT BLACK HAS IN MIND.
IF PREFERENCE IS TO BLACK'S ATTEMPTING REOPEN DISCUSSION WITH
EGYPTIANS AT OFFICIAL LEVEL, WE SEE NO OBJECTION, SINCE DIS-
PUTE IS CLEARLY ONE WHICH GOE AND FIRST APPALACHIAN MUST WORK
OUT.

3. IF HE HAS IN MIND EMBASSY RE-OPENING DISCUSSION, WE WOULD
BE PREPARED TO MAKE LOW-KEY INQUIRY OF FARID AND PERHAPS OF
WEST GERMAN EMBASSY TO ASCERTAIN THEIR IMPRESSION OF STATE OF
PLAY. DEPENDING ON RESULTS, WE CAN THEN BETTER ASSESS WHETHER
A MORE FORMAL APPROACH IS DESIRABLE OR PROMISING.

4. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THE INHERENT DIFFICULTY EMBASSY FACES IN
DISCUSSING DETAILS OF THIS MATTER WITH GOE OFFICIALS. CHEMICOKE,
AS A PARTY IN INTEREST, IS OBVIOUSLY AWARE OF ALL FACTS OF CASE
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IN WHICH IT HAS BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED, AND IS IN POSITION TO
MAKE DEFINITIVE ASSERTIONS ABOUT SUCH MATTERS AS WHETHER OR NOT
IT RECEIVED A PARTICULAR TELEX MESSAGE FROM BLACK. EMBASSY, ON
OTHER HAND, WHILE WE WISH TO BE OF ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, IS
NOT IN POSITION TO ASSUME ROLE OF COMPANY OFFICIAL OR ATTORNEY,
ACTING AS DIRECT ADVOCATE FOR BLACK. WE ARE NOT FULLY KNOW-
LEDGEABLE ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF HIS POSITION, FOR EXAMPLE, ABOUT

STATUS OF CURRENT ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS. PARTICULARLY IN CASE WHERE FACT SITUATION IS COMPLEX AND PARTIES' VERSIONS OF PRECISELY WHAT OCCURRED ARE CONFLICTING, EMBASSY IS GENERALLY LIMITED TO TAKING APPROACH INDICATED REF B: I.E. EMBASSY HAS HEARD ALLEGATIONS MADE BY U.S. PARTY; WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO ALL FACTS (THIS WAS VERY APPARENT DURING AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER SHAHEEN); WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT ANY EVIDENCE OF DISCRIMINATION; WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION THAT WILL MINIMIZE ADVERSE EFFECTS TO BOTH SIDES. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, RESULT OF OUR APPROACHES ON THIS BASIS WAS NOT FRUITFUL.

5. WE DO WANT TO BE HELPFUL, AND, AS NOTED PARA 2, EMBASSY IS WILLING AGAIN RAISE MATTER WITH CHEMICOKE CHAIRMAN FARID AND TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE FURTHER APPROACHES, BUT WE BELIEVE BLACK SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND LIMITATIONS ON EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO ASSIST. FRANKLY, ON BASIS PREVIOUS RESPONSES FROM FARID AND SHAHEEN, WE DOUBT THAT BAD EXPERIENCE WITH GERMAN SUPPLIER WILL MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IN GOE OFFICIALS' ATTITUDE TOWARD FIRST APPALACHIAN. ON CONTRARY, THEY ARE LIKELY BE MORE NEGATIVELY DISPOSED TOWARD COMPANY, SINCE - BASED ON THEIR PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED VIEWS -- THEY WOULD PROBABLY SEE FAC'S FAILURE TO DELIVER AS THE CAUSE OF HAVING HAD TO BRING IN UNSATISFACTORY SUBSTITUTE SUPPLIER. AS REF B INDICATES, GOE APPEARS TO BE AS CONVINCED AS BLACK THAT IT WILL WIN IN ANY ARBITRATION PROCEEDING.
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